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May 21, 2004

Re: Scoping Notice - Hanna Draw Coalbed
Natural Gas Pilot Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is planning to prepare an Environmental Analysis (EA) for a proposed natural gas project to be known as the Hanna Draw Coalbed Natural Gas Pilot Project (HDCBNGPP).

This project is planned for an area approximately 10 miles northeast of the town of Hanna in Carbon County, Wyoming. The proposal includes the drilling and development of up to 16 coalbed natural gas wells. Appurtenant facilities include roads, gas and water collection pipelines, a water disposal system, a gas transportation pipeline and a powerline.

A scoping notice has been prepared for your review and information, both as an introduction to the proposed project and as a review of the basic procedures we intend to follow in the preparation of the EA.

The scoping process is an opportunity for you to participate in the earliest phase of environmental assessment for the HDCBNGPP. We encourage your input and comments on the project. Information and comments you provide will enable us to assess alternatives for consideration in the environmental assessment.

We are conducting scoping for 30 days. If you are interested in participating in the scoping process, we request that you respond by supplying your written or e-mailed comments or concerns about the proposed activity by June 21, 2004. Please submit your comments to:

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A link to the Scoping Notice will be posted on the Wyoming BLM Rawlins Field Office homepage at www.wy.blm.gov/rfo/. Your response is important and will be considered in the environmental analysis process. If you do respond, we will consider your comments in the analysis for the project. Please note that public comments submitted for this scoping review, including names, e-mail addresses, and street addresses of the respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, e-mail address, or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this plainly at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Thank you again for your interest in this process. If you have any questions regarding the project, your role, or our responsibilities, please contact Travis Bargsten at the address shown above or phone (307) 328-4387.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kurt J. Kotter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kurt" and last name "Kotter" being the most prominent parts. The middle initial "J." is smaller and less distinct.

Kurt J. Kotter

Field Manager